

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chair Roger Webb, on April 21, 2017 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Roger Webb, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)  
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch  
Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 18, 4/20/2017; HJ 25, 4/20/2017

Executive Action: HJ 18, Be Concurred In; HJ 25, Be Concurred In

00:00:06 Chair Webb

**HEARING ON HJ 25**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:57 Rep. Adam Hertz (R), HD 96, opened the hearing on HJ 25, Interim study of municipal fire protection.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:01:30 Ted Barkley, City of Belgrade

00:02:24 Sen. Hoven entered the hearing.

00:07:50 Ron Lindroth, fire chief, Central Valley Fire District

00:11:36 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

00:12:22 John Semple, Montana Fire Alliance

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:04 Sen. Buttrey

00:15:25 Mr. Burton, MLCT

00:16:07 Sen. Lang

00:18:27 Mr. Burton

00:18:51 Chair Webb

00:19:01 Mr. Barkley, Belgrade

00:21:29 Sen. Vuckovich

00:22:06 Mr. Burton

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:24:10 Rep. Hertz

**HEARING ON HJ 18**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:25:43 Rep. Adam Hertz (R), HD 96, opened the hearing on HJ 18, Legislative interim study on tax increment financing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:30:42 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:34:22 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association

00:35:51 Ted Barkley, City of Belgrade

00:36:47 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:38:21 Chair Webb

00:38:31 Rep. Hertz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:38:44 Rep. Hertz

00:39:31 Chair Webb

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 18**

00:39:52 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **HJ 18 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:40:05 Sen. Buttrey

00:41:40 Sen. MacDonald

00:43:42 Sen. Hoven

00:45:43 Sen. Buttrey

00:47:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Sesso were excused. Sen. Hoven will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 25**

00:47:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved that **HJ 25 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Sesso were excused. Sen. Fitzpatrick will carry the bill.

00:48:40 Chair Webb

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:10 AM

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT([los82aad.pdf](#))**